

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 11, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 – OAKVILLE TRIANGLE/ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR PLAN

ISSUE: Update on the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Plan

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission receive an update on the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Plan.

BACKGROUND: City Council directed staff to begin a planning effort that includes Oakville Triangle and adjacent properties as well as the Route 1 corridor north and south of the site. A community Advisory Group was established to assist in developing Plan principles for the site regarding potential land uses, open space, sustainability, transportation and connectivity, and potential community benefits, among other topics. The corridor study will review features such as streetscaping, undergrounding of utilities, and potential redevelopment sites along the western portion of Route 1. The corridor study will help to establish a unified streetscape for Route 1 and an integrated approach to potential redevelopment along Route 1.

DISCUSSION: In conjunction with the planning process, a transportation study was completed in March 2015, looking at the impacts of the proposed plan on the transportation network. Initial findings show that there are impacts on some existing intersections, especially at Route 1 and Reed Avenue, and Route 1 at E. Glebe Road. Staff is looking at additional connectivity and intersection improvements that are needed to mitigate impacts from the proposed development.

Staff and the consultants will continue to work with the community to conduct additional transportation analysis over the next month. The results of the revised transportation analysis are currently scheduled to be presented to the Advisory Group on May 28, 2015, and a City Council Work Session is scheduled for June 23, 2015. The draft plan and design guidelines are anticipated to be completed by late June 2015.